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SUBJECT: CHILE: REQUEST HUMAN RIGHTS CLEARANCE FOR BUZOS TACTICOS AND LT. COMMANDER SALAZAR PARTICIPATION IN JCET SCI2006JCET201N

REF: A. COMSOC SOUTH 071600Z NOV 05

1B. 05 STATE 83724

11. This is an action request. See paragraph 2.

12. Action request: Post requests Department review the following Chilean military unit for potential human rights violations: Buzos Taticos Unit of the Chilean Navy. Unit commander is Lieutenant Commander Rene O'Ryan Salazar, DOB: 04Sep1965, POB: Santiago, Chile, National ID (RUT) 07.092.892-2.

13. A U.S. Navy SEALS team will be in Chile in June conducting joint training operations with the Buzos Taticos in the Valparaiso area. SOUTHCOP has requested clearance for this operation NLT than February 17 for planning purposes.

14. Post human rights review completed November 7 produced no derogatory information on Salazar or Buzos Taticos. The Department last verified it had no credible information of gross violations of human rights by this unit on April 18, 2005 (ref B). This request is to establish current human rights certification for named unit and commander.

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